

**FREDERICK COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**  
**NOVEMBER 24, 2015**  
**Minutes**

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I. The meeting was called to order at 7pm by Chair Angela Spencer and an Invitation was given to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. The following members were present at the meeting:

Angela Spencer, Tonya Amedon, David Kaye, Felicia Turner, Annette Breiling, Irene Packer-Halsey, Francisco Alves, Mari Lee, Gene Stanton, Marguerite Vacca-Kaye, Deborah Peeks and Adam Book

HRC Liaisons present were: Kathleen Hartsock and Donna Kuzemchak

Guest present was Chief Hargis from the City of Frederick Police

III. The October 2015 minutes were approved with 1 correction, with a motion made by Mari Lee and a second by Gene Stanton. The vote to approve was unanimous.

IV. Comments from the public

Chief Hargis reported on the new recruits. He was asked if there were any Latinos to which he responded no and Irene asked if she could be of assistance.

Donna Kuzemchak reported that the Taney Bust will be removed. They do not have a place for it yet.

V. Officers' Reports

a) Executive Committee – Angela Spencer

There were 3 new members appointed to the HRC by the County Council. Marguerite Vacca-Kaye, Deborah Peeks and Adam Book.

The Human Trafficking Event was a success. The speaker was very informative and it was well attended. The form and policy that will be used when organizations or individuals request financial support was presented to the HRC by Mari Lee. A motion to accept the form and policy was made by Annette with a second from Tonya with a unanimous vote to accept.

b) Treasurer's Report

There is \$4,320.18 available to the HRC.

VI. Committee Reports

a) Community Relations Committee - Lisa Clark

Lisa was not in attendance in her absence Mari Lee spoke about the upcoming Legislative Lunch.

b) Government Relations Committee – Mari Lee

The plans are complete with speakers chosen. Everyone was told they would be receiving an assignment prior to the event.

Mari reported that the PSA was complete and will be available for the next meeting for the members of the HRC to view and make suggestions

c) Internal Relations Committee – Tonya Amedon

The IRC is moving forward with the HRC Youth Program. The first meeting will be January 28 at the Bernard Brown Center. A letter will be going home to parents soon. They plan on meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday and also 1 Saturday a month.

VII. New Business

Changes to the HRC By-Laws are not ready yet.

Mari Lee will implement a HRC calendar on Google. More information will be shared at the next meeting. The HRC Holiday Pot Luck will be held December 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at the Public Safety Training Facility. Bring your favorite dish and a gift with a value of less than \$10.00.

Irene suggested that a line be added on the Funding Request form for a reason justifying the request.

Irene also asked about talking more in the future about connecting with the agricultural community, and also the Up-County office in Emmitsburg.

VIII. HRD Director's Report – Miles Ward

Miles announced that tomorrow is Angela's Birthday and Tonya's is Saturday.

Miles reported that there were no new cases this month however he is still working on a couple of prior cases.

Miles also talked about the upcoming Awards Banquet and asked everyone to be thinking about nominations.

IX. Announcements and upcoming events

Saturday December 5, 2015 – Elegance of Jazz Bruch

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Tuesday December 9, 2105 – World Aids Day Event at Dublin Roasters at 7pm

Wednesday December 8, 2015 - Human Rights Day Event at the Bernard Brown Center at 11:00am

Wednesday December 8, 2015 - HRC Holiday Celebration at the PSTF at 6:30pm

January 9, 2016 – Candidate Boot Camp at 10:00am

January 14, 2016 – MLK Day Celebration at TJ High School at 7pm

January 16, 2016 – Day of Service and MLK Beloved Community Potluck

The Housing Authority will begin taking applications on line on December 1, 2015

The Community Action Agency has assistance available for Utilities

XI. The meeting was adjourned at 8:31pm

Minutes were submitted by the Human Relations Department